Wisconsin's Vision

Community Partnerships to Ensure that Wisconsin Children Grow up Safe, Healthy and Successful in Strong Families. DOING WHAT IT TAKES FOR OUR CHILDREN - TOGETHER.

Wisconsin is committed to integrating its child welfare and W-2 systems so:

- ✓ children are assured greater safety in nurturing, stable homes, and
- ✓ low-income parents are able to achieve greater economic self-sufficiency through sustainable jobs and access to benefits for which they are eligible.

Mission Statement

Wisconsin seeks to improve the outcomes of our most vulnerable families by pursuing a more integrated, family-responsive and flexible approach to service delivery that is efficient and cost-effective.

Wisconsin's goals

- Increase families' economic security
- Improve child safety and well-being
- Close the academic achievement gaps

- Empower families to take charge
- Establish a
 sustainable process
 for continuing
 system
 improvement

Goal: Increase families' economic security

- Increased job placement
- Increased wages at placement
- Improved job retention and advancement

- Assured receipt of benefits for which eligible (e.g., food stamps, EITC, medical assistance, child care, free and reduced-price meals)
- Increased housing stability

Goal: Improve child safety and well-being

- Reduced incidence of child abuse and neglect
- Reduced out-ofhome placements
- Increased stability in children's living situations

- Improved access to mental, physical and dental health
- Assured timely child protective services

Goal: Close the academic achievement gaps

- Assured
 proficiency in
 reading and math
 in 4th and 8th
 grade
- Increased graduation rates
- Increased access to quality early care and education

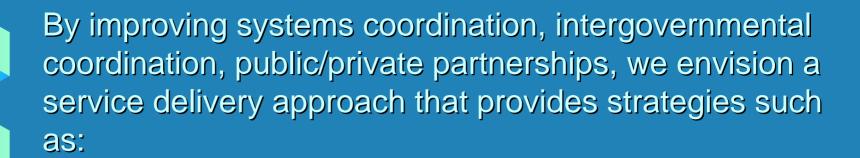
Goal: Empower families to take charge

- Families are at the center of the planning
- All plans are written in families' own words
- Families are pleased that plans reflect their priorities, strengths and needs

 Every plan reflects systematic efforts to develop and rely on family and informal community supports

Goal: Establish a sustainable process for continuing system improvement

- Lessons from local projects will be shared to stimulate improvements in system policies and practices
- Broader engagement of consumers and communities will inform and guide improvement in service systems
- Service delivery
 systems for child safety,
 economic security and
 education will work
 together so plans with
 families make sense
- Resources from families and their informal supports will be increasingly valued and included in all plans



- proper assessment and referrals to services and benefits
- comprehensive case coordination
- quick movement into the labor system
- identification of and attention to barriers

- family involvement in education and early childhood programming
- connecting services
- total community involvement
- effective job placement& retention

Next Steps

- Review Call for Information requests
- Select pilot project sites
- Develop and deploy strategy for community involvement and ownership